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# Human Rights Education Training

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Large global organizations such as the United Nations and Amnesty International sponsor human rights education training programs. The United Nations has defined 30 distinct articles with regard to human rights. These programs provide materials and information to supplement teachers at the local level. Most materials used are free. Human rights advocacy training is supported through local organizations and their international affiliates.

## History

In December 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These 30 articles describe the conditions necessary for nations, communities and families to thrive. They include; protection from criminal acts, education, employment and property ownership. Recent topics addressed in human rights education are poverty, rights of children, health care for mothers and victims of arbitrary imprisonment. Human Rights Education Service Corps accepts applications from volunteer facilitators through Amnesty International.

## Children's Rights

Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted a separate standard of rights of the child. The articles in this United Nations document support the child's right to privacy, education, family and cultural life. Children are particularly at risk for neglect and abuse. The rights of children include access to prompt legal assistance and care by their birth parents. Introductory human rights courses via e-learning are available through Human Rights Education Associates. It offers a certificate upon completion of an assessment portion of the course.

## Amnesty International

Education is available online without a fee through Amnesty International. Information about acts that violate basic human rights includes topics of

habeas corpus (the right to challenge the legality of detention), torture, military contracts and prisoners of conscience (those imprisoned because of their beliefs or the expression of the beliefs). Other research and advocacy opportunities through Amnesty International are immigrant detention, violence against women, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender human rights issues and business and human rights.

## Accountability

Human rights education training offers an advocate the ability to express facts about human rights. Training gives advocates an opportunity ask for accountability of governments and organizations that do not uphold human rights standards. Many impoverished groups do not have access to justice. Those in poverty may require advocates to take action with informed choices and financial support.

## Begin Locally

The breadth of information about human rights can be overwhelming. Take a small step by simply finding a topic that interests you. Promoting advocacy can be simple. Begin in your own neighborhood. Rights organizations support basic human rights for everyone, but working locally offers an opportunity to engage in activities to affect your own community. The results can be visible and rewarding.

## Resources

- [UN: Human rights education database](#)